Reviewer's report

**Title:** The Burden and Treatment of HIV in Tuberculosis Patients In Papua Province, Indonesia: A Prospective Observational Study

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**Reviewer:** Emanuele Pontali

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Minor Essential Revisions
Some clarifications of the background section of the abstract (progress of what?)

Methods: where is Figure 1

Page 6: reference guidelines: there is citation of WHO 2009 guidelines, but the study was carried out earlier???? Ref. 10 is not WHO glns, but rather ref. 9 (please clarify)

Results: first paragraph: ref. to table 1 can be postponed at the end of the paragraph

Outcome: there is confusion among groups of HIV- or + and TB+: please check.

HIV management: again 2009 WHO glns.?

Discussion: TB-HIV co-infection rates: last sentence of first paragraph unclear. In ‘‘Differences beteween HIV..., first paragraph: sentence with reference 37 shold be rephrased for better clarity. In ‘‘Differences beteween HIV..., second paragraph: sentence with ref 22 should be clarified: for HIV? or confounding factors for all?

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

'I declare that I have no competing interests'